

Lourdes M. Castro Ramírez



Castro Ramírez is an accomplished executive dedicated to building partnerships, improving lives and communities, and expanding economic, educational and health opportunities.

Castro Ramírez is the current President of the University Health System Foundation which is dedicated to advancing the medical, educational and research goals and improving the health and well-being of the people of San Antonio and South Texas.

Prior to her position with University Health System, Castro Ramírez served in President Barack Obama's Administration as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary leading the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing.

From April 2009 to March 2015, Castro Ramírez led the San Antonio Housing Authority as the President/CEO. Under her leadership, SAHA became known for its innovations in education, workforce development, affordable housing preservation and neighborhood revitalization.

Castro Ramírez's career in affordable housing and community development began two decades ago as a Community Planner in Ventura County and then at the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) as the Jobs-Plus Program Director and later as Director of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

Castro Ramírez received both her Master's in Urban Planning and Bachelor's in Political Science and Chicano/a Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She also completed an executive finance course at Harvard Business School.

Castro Ramírez is an active civic and community leader serving in local and state organizations including: Nico's Dream, Chair of the San Antonio Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force, Texas Lyceum, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, Centro San Antonio, and Hispanas Organized for Political Equality.

Castro Ramírez is married to Jorge and together they have three children: Jorge, Nicolás, and Natalia. She and her husband coordinate an annual Kick Cancer Soccer Camp in memory of their son Nicolás, who lost his battle to cancer at the age of 11. Proceeds support Nico's Dream and childhood cancer research and support for families.